(c) The production during January-September, 1986 was about 15750 tonnes.

(d) The production was low during the first two quarters of 1986 mainly due to market constraints. However during the third quarter, the production has increased substantially.

**Licence to produce DMT and PTA**

2540. SHRI SHANKAR SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the dates of issue of letters of intent, industrial licences and commencement of production of the three DMT plants and PTA plants in the country; and

(b) what is the normal period required after the issue of licences for the production of (i) DMT and (ii) PTA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) :

(a) The information is given below :

D.M.T.

| Date of Issue of Industrial Licence | Period of commencement of production |
|---|---|
| 28th May, 1968 | March, 1973 |
| 19th October, 1979 | July, 1985 |
| 27th June, 1981 | April, 1985 |

P.T.A.

| Date of issue of Letter of Intent/Industries Licence | Period of commencement of production |
|---|---|
| 31st Decembe, 1985 (Industrial Licence) | Not yet in production |
| 3rd March, 1986 Letter of Intent | Not yet in production. |

(b) Normally it takes 3-4 years after issue of industrial licence and other clearances to commence production of DMT/PTA.

**पैट्रोल में मिलावट को प्रोत्साहित किया जाना**

2541. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय** : क्या **पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनेक वितरक, जिनके पास पैट्रोल और डीजल के वितरण के लिए लाइसेंस हैं, पैट्रोल और डीजल में केरोसिन की मिलावट को प्रोत्साहन देते हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार एक वितरक को एक पैट्रोलियम उत्पाद से अधिक उत्पादों के लिए वितरक हेतु लाइसेंस देने पर रोक लगाने का विचार रखती है?

**पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह)** : (क) और (ख) मिलावट की सम्भावनाओं को न्यूनतम करने के लिए भी डीलरों/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरों के चयन सम्बन्धी मौजूदा दिशानिर्देशों में ऐसी व्यवस्था है कि किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति को नई डीलरशिप। डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप नहीं दी जायेगी, जिनके पास अथवा/जिनके किसी निकट सम्बन्धी के पास पहले से ही डीलरशिप/डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप होगी।

**Arrangement to change LPG dealers**

2542. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether as reported in the Indian Express dated the 1st September, 1986 it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation propose to introduce 9 kg. as cylinders and if so, whether Government have considered the desirability and feusibility of

introducing 10kg cylinders in its place, for convenience of the public;

(b) whether Indian Oil Corporation have also made arrangements for customers to change dealers and if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether all LPG fittings are being standardised and if so, whether any time bound programme has been chalked out for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) :

(a) IOC has no proposal to introduce 9kg LPG cylinders.

(b) The oil marketing companies including IOC have introduced an experimental scheme in the metropolitan cities enabling LPG consumers to switch over from one distributor to another distributor of their choice (including inter-company transfer). In addition IOC has permitted its customers in selected markets to switch over from one IOC distributor to another.

(c) While LPG cylinder fittings like the pressure regulator and the valve are being standardised for eventually achieving interchangeability among the oil marketing companies, no time bound programme has been drawn up.

**New gas reserves in Rajasthan**

2543. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that new gas reserves have been located in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what are the details and the estimated quantity of gas located there; and

(c) by when it is likely to commence commercial exploitation of these resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir. Gas was found at Ghotaru prospect in Rajasthan in 1983.

(b) The recoverable reserves of natural gas in Rajasthan are estimated at about 540 million cubic metres.

(c) The prospect at Ghotru is at the exploratory/delineation stage. Production will commence only after the assessment of the potential of the field and availability of suitable consumers.

**Dealership granted under social objective scheme**

2544. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the object of the Social Objective Scheme of the Government for the selection of petroleum product dealers;

(b) how many dealerships for petroleum product have been granted under the 'Social Objective Scheme' in Patna region of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited since the introduction of the scheme; and

(c) whether any one of those dealerships which were granted under the 'Social Objective Scheme' in Patna region of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in 1986 has been terminated; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) The object of 'Social Objective Scheme' is primarily to give business opportunities to the weaker sections of society viz. Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe communities, Freedom Fighters, Unemployed Graduates, Physically Handicapped persons and Ex-defence Personnel etc.